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Mesa Consolidated
Water District's mission
is to serve our customers
through efficient
management and
distribution of a sufficient
supply of quality water
at a fair cost.

Mr. Lester Snow Executive Director CALFED 1416 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1155 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Snow:

At our April 9, 1998 board meeting, the Mesa Consolidated Water District (Mesa) unanimously passed the following position:

Mesa affirms the necessity of the CALFED program to determine a long-range ecosystem restoration plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Rivers Delta.

This restoration plan involves highly complex scientific and technical decisions. Of the three alternatives presented for public consideration, the Mesa Consolidated Water District Board of Directors urges CALFED to adopt an alternative that will

- a) be based upon the best science and technology;
- b) provide the highest quality water;
- c) provide certainty of water deliveries through the State Water Project;
- d) develop the reforms necessary to institute a water transfer process;
- e) and, recognize the current implementation of best management practices and other methods to void or reduce reliance upon import water by water agencies through credits assigned on a regional basis tied to river basins.

Mesa is the only local water agency that has followed this process for the last five years. We encourage you to take into consideration our position. If you have further questions or more information, please call (949) 631-1206.

Sincerely.

R. Michael Healey

President

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